

Directory of Early Childhood Certificate and Degree Programs at Iowa Colleges and Universities



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Introduction

One of the central pillars of any early childhood system is a broad and comprehensive professional development system. This directory represents an effort to list credit-bearing programs, including those that can lead to degrees or credentials certifying a level professionalism a good early childhood system requires and our children deserve.

In the short term, we hope this directory will help connect Head Start programs in Iowa, as well as other programs that serve young children, to educational opportunities available in Iowa. For Head Start, current and anticipated requirements for teacher education will continue to place demands on this system. Knowing what is available inevitably raises questions about what else need to be available and that may be yet another salutary result of this directory.

Publishing this directory is the first step toward helping develop a system that is better integrated and more comprehensive. In the end, we want to see professional development opportunities that:

- 1) are credit-bearing and can lead to Child Development Associate credentials (or other professional credentials), as well as 2-year and 4-year degrees;
- 2) are tied to strengthening worker commitment so training can help reduce turnover in the field;
- 3) include appropriate and adequate incentives such as stipends and bonuses to workers so their investments of time and effort are supported and encouraged.

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Uniting for Iowa's Children

The **Iowa Child Care and Early Education Network (The Network)** is a statewide nonprofit, membership based organization with the mission to provide vision, leadership, and support for the child care and early education field and promote state policies and partnerships committed to the development and learning of all children. The Network's guiding principles are:

- All children deserve a safe, stable, healthy, nurturing and enriched environment.
- Those in the family unit are the first teachers and primary caregivers and deserve our support.
- Children are the community's greatest asset.
- All children deserve access to affordable, quality early care and education services.
- Linkages should be established to promote systemic growth.
- All early care and education services should be equitable statewide.
- The Network shall have a commitment to providing strong leadership on behalf of all children.

The Network carries out its mission through public/private partnerships and collaborative efforts. With the mission and guiding principles directing its work, the Network is currently providing the leadership several projects to improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of child care and early education.

Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

The Network provides statewide coordination of CCR&R functions around the state to provide parents, providers, businesses, and communities with consistent core services. It is also the source of statewide data on child care that is collected by the local CCR&R agencies.

Iowa Early Care & Education Professional Development (IECEPD)

IECEPD has worked to develop a professional development system for the early care and education field. The system will include a career matrix, a core body of knowledge necessary for those in the field to successfully do their work, transfer of credits between training agencies, and a trainer/training approval and registry system. A directory of two and four year colleges providing early childhood education is being prepared for distribution.



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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA/ Child Care Apprenticeship

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA provides college scholarships for child development credit education for providers currently working in licensed centers/preschools or registered child development homes; assists in paying for substitute care for participants to attend classes; increases the participants' compensation upon completion of their contract and requires that participants remain in the center or in the child care field for an additional year after completing their annual scholarship contract.

Child Care Apprenticeship provides on-the-job training for providers currently working in licensed centers/preschools or registered child development homes; utilizes a curriculum based on core competencies for early childhood education that will articulate into degree programs; and impacts wages through a graduated wage scale.

Child Care Center Business Practices

With a focus to improve quality and availability of early care and education services, this program is designed to offer support to Child Care Directors through training, forgivable loans and technical assistance. Forgivable loans up to a maximum of \$10,000 are offered yearly for start-up and capacity expansion needs to not-for-profit centers and preschools. Programs, experiencing unforeseen expense which puts the program at risk of closure, may apply for emergency loans on an ongoing basis. Technical assistance is available to these programs specialized to their needs. All DHS licensed program administrators are eligible for assistance through the Center Business Practices Program to attend the National Administrator Credential (NAC) training offered locally across the state in partnership with the National Child Care Association. NAC training provides up to date information on operating a child care & education business through a comprehensive management and administrative curriculum designed specifically to meet the needs of the early care & education field.

Iowa Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (IA PITC)

The purpose of PITC is to improve the quality and availability of infant and toddler care in Iowa, offer training, as well as support for those providing infant and toddler care and increase caregiver qualifications. The professional development trainings are offered through the Infant/Toddler Specialists in the regional CCR&R agencies. These lessons focus on unique needs of infants and toddlers; practical tips and examples of appropriate practices for caregivers; and connections with other early childhood professionals and services. Technical assistance and consultation are available as a compliment to the training series. Classes at the college level are also offered through various degree programs around the state.

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Glossary of Terms

ECE	Early Childhood Education
CDA	Coursework leading to the Child Development Associate credential
A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.S.	Associate of Science
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.S.	Master of Science
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

An Early Childhood **diploma** has traditionally been a full-time, one year program offered by some of Iowa's community colleges.

Accreditation of the campus lab school is assumed to be with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, unless otherwise noted.

Articulation credit for the CDA credential indicates recognition by the college of the credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. If a student holds a valid CDA credential, this indicates that number of college credits that can be awarded.

EC program articulates with indicates the schools or training programs with formal agreements to articulate for credit with this college.

Credit for experience indicates willingness in the ECE program to award credit for life or work experience as part of the required degree program credits.

The **Early Childhood Endorsement** indicates a college that provides the coursework for the required endorsement for the four-year teaching license through the Iowa Department of Education.

Two-Year Schools

Des Moines Area Community College

2006 South Ankeny Boulevard

Ankeny, IA 50021

Phone: 800-362-2127

Fax: 515-964-6440

Financial Aid Number: 515-964-6282 800-362-2127 Ext. 6514

Website: www.dmacc.edu

Satellite campuses: Ankeny, Newton, Boone, Des Moines (Urban), Carroll, West Des Moines

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.S. ECE	35	65
Diploma, ECE	29	35
CDA	10	10

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	No
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	70
Full time student average enrollment	50
Graduates per year	25-30
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 10 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	No
EC program articulates with	CCR&R (IA PITC)
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Urban, Newton, Boone, Carroll, West Des Moines
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	None
EC evening/weekend courses offered	CDA Saturdays at Urban and Boone, night classes at Urban
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$97.00

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Two-Year Schools

Eastern Iowa Community College

306 West River Drive

Davenport, IA 52801

Phone: 319-322-5015

Financial Aid Number: 563-441-4040

Website: www.eicc.edu

Satellite campuses: Clinton, Muscatine, Davenport, Bettendorf

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A.S.		66
Diploma, ECE		15
CDA	17	17

Courses for CDA	Yes, non-credit
Specialization	Child Care Certificate
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 17 credits
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Muscatine Community College, Clinton Community College, Scott Community College (Davenport/Bettendorf)
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	None
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$90.00

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Two-Year Schools

Hawkeye Community College

1501 East Orange Road
Waterloo, IA 50704-8015
Phone: 319-296-4028
Financial Aid Number: 319-296-4020
Website: www.hawkeyecollege.edu

Satellite campuses: Grundy Center; Independence; Center Business Industry (CBI), Cedar Falls; Martin Luther King Center, Waterloo

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A.S	46	64
Diploma, ECE	27	36

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	50
Full time student average enrollment	40
Graduates per year	10
Articulation credit for CDA credential	No
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	Wartburg College, Upper Iowa
Satellite campuses with EC courses	4 that are taught at a Head Start Center
Satellite campuses without EC courses	4
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$98.00 plus \$10.50 admin fee

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Two-Year Schools

Indian Hills Community College

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Phone: 515-683-5105

Financial Aid Number: 641-638-5169

Website: www.ihcc.edu

Satellite campuses: Chariton, Centerville, Albia, Bloomfield, Mahaska, Sigourney, Fairfield, Keosauqua, Corydon

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A.S. ECE		73
Diploma, ECE		34

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Discussing possibility
Average enrollment	70
Full time student average enrollment	65
Graduates per year	50
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 11 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	No
EC program articulates with	Buena Vista University
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Service centers in each county
Satellite campuses without EC courses	All could be on ICN
EC courses available on line	Courses offered on ICN
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Night classes for diploma on ICN
EC summer courses offered	Yes, Design Curriculum Practicum
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$99.00

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Two-Year Schools

Iowa Central Community College

330 Avenue M

Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Phone: 515-576-7201

Financial Aid Number: 800-362-2793 Ext. 2426

Website: www.iowacentral.com

Satellite campuses: Storm Lake

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE		61
CDA (general)	17	17

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Storm Lake
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$93.00

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Two-Year Schools

Iowa Lakes Community College

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Emmetsburg, IA 50536

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Fax: 712-852-2152

Financial Aid Number: 800-242-5108 Ext. 229

Website: www.iowalakes.edu

Satellite campuses: Estherville, Spencer, Spirit Lake, Algona

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A. ECE	43	87
A.S. ECE	43	68
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE	12	64
Diploma, Child Care	29	35
CDA	10	10

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	45
Full time student average enrollment	34
Graduates per year	20-25
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 9 credits
On-campus lab school	No lab school, but accredited Head Start with wrap program on campus
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	In process with UNI
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Spencer
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Estherville, Spirit Lake, Algona
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$103 (online \$125.00)

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Iowa Valley Community College (Marshalltown C.C.)

3700 South Center Street

Marshalltown, IA 50158

Phone: 515-752-7106

Financial Aid Number: 866-622-4748 Ext. 215

Website: www.iavalley.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: Online

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.S. ECE		64
A.A. with emphasis ECE		64
Diploma, ECE		35

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	22
Full time student average enrollment	10-12
Graduates per year	4
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$95.00

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Two-Year Schools

Iowa Western Community College

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503

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Financial Aid Number: 800-432-5852

Website: www.iwcc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A.S. ECE	47-49	65-67
Diploma ECE	27-29	34
Early Childhood Administrative Certificate		16

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	60
Full time student average enrollment	40
Graduates per year	12
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 7 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	College of St. Mary, Omaha
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Shelby County (Harlan), Cass County (Atlantic)
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Page/Fremont County
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$100 plus \$10 per credit College fee

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Two-Year Schools

Kirkwood Community College

6301 Kirkwood Boulevard, SW

P.O. Box 2068

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Fax: 319-398-1035

Financial Aid Number: 319-398-1274

Website: www.kirkwood.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A ECE		63
A.S. / C. O. Associate of Science in Career Options - ECE		63
Diploma, ECE		30

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	155-175 (includes part-time)
Graduates per year	30-35
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 6 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Iowa City, Kirkwood Resource Center
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$95.00

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Two-Year Schools

North Iowa Area Community College

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Mason City, IA 50401

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Financial Aid Number: 641-422-4351

Website: www.niacc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE	18	
C.D.A	18	18

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$93.00

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Two-Year Schools

Northeast Iowa Community College

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Calmar, IA 52132

Phone: 319-562-3263

Financial Aid Number: 800-728-7367 Ext. 401

Website: www.nicc.edu

Satellite campuses: Calmar, Peosta

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.A. ECE		77
A.A. with emphasis in ECE		64
Diploma, ECE		48.5

Courses for CDA	Yes, 12 credits
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes, 15 credits
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	16-21
Graduates per year	15
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	No
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$99.00

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Two-Year Schools

Northwest Iowa Community College

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Sheldon, IA 51201

Phone: 712-324-5061

Financial Aid Number: 800-352-4907

Website: www.nwicc.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: West Burlington, Keokuk

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
No Early Childhood program		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Iowa Wesleyan College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	West Burlington, Keokuk
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$97.00, Resident, \$109.00 Non-Resident, \$125.00 online

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Two-Year Schools

Southeastern Community College

1015 South Gear Avenue, Drawer F
 West Burlington, IA 52601
 Phone: 319-752-2731
 Financial Aid Number: 800-828-7322 Ext. 8132
 Website: www.secc.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: West Burlington, Keokuk

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
No Early Childhood program. Within the AA degree some EC courses are articulated with Iowa Wesleyan College		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Iowa Wesleyan College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	West Burlington, Keokuk
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$97.00, Resident, \$109.00 Non-Resident, \$125.00 online

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Two-Year Schools

Southwestern Community College

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Financial Aid Number: 800- 247-4023 641-782-7081

Website: www.swccia.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
No Early Childhood degree program		

Courses for CDA	Yes, non credit
Specialization	Teacher license renewal 4 credits
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Non-credit classes/Osceola
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Red Oak, Osceola
EC courses available on line	4 classes through the Iowa Community College on-line Consortium
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes, non-credit/Teacher License Renewal credits
EC summer courses offered	Yes, non-credit Teacher License Renewal credits
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

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Two-Year Schools

Western Iowa Tech Community College

3637 Stone Avenue

Sioux City, IA 51102-5199

Phone: 712-274-6400

Financial Aid Number: 712-274-6402

Website: www.witcc.com

Satellite campuses: Denison, Cherokee, and LaMars

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
A.S. ECE		68
Diploma ECE (1yr)		33
CDA	6	6

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	60
Full time student average enrollment	25
Graduates per year	20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Wayne State University
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Denison
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Cherokee, Lamars
EC courses available on line	All EC courses by Fall 2006
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$100.00 +

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Four-Year Schools

Buena Vista University

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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Financial Aid Number: 712-279-5200
Website: www.bvu.edu

Satellite campuses: Newton, Council Bluffs, Creston/Red Oak, Denison, Fort Dodge, Iowa Falls, Lakes and Prairies, Lemars, Marshalltown, Ottumwa

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement (Pre-K-Kind) attached to Elementary Education major		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	38
Graduates per year	
Degrees offered	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Pre-K – K courses at all satellites except Newton
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Newton
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$235.00

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Four-Year Schools

Central College

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Financial Aid Number: 641-628-5268

Website: www.central.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement Pre-K--Kindergarten		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	15
Graduates per year	15
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$685.00

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Four-Year Schools

Dordt College

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Sioux Center, IA 51250

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Financial Aid Number: 712-722-6082

Website: www.dordt.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K - Grade 3		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

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Four-Year Schools

Drake University

2507 University Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50311

Phone: 515-271-2011

Financial Aid Number: 515-271-2905 800-44-DRAKE Ext. 2905

Website: www.drake.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.S. ECE		124
M.S./M.A. ECE		32
Early Childhood Endorsement 103, Iowa Teaching License Pre-K -- Kindergarten		18
Early Childhood Endorsement 100, Iowa Teaching License, Unified, Birth to age 8		24

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	70
Full time student average enrollment	50
Graduates per year	20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$330.00

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Four-Year Schools

Graceland University

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Lamoni, IA 50140

Phone: 641-784-5000

Financial Aid Number: 641-784-5136

Website: www.graceland.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K – 8 years		40

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	15
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$285.00

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Four-Year Schools

Grand View College

Address: 1200 Grandview Avenue
City, State, Zip: Des Moines, Iowa 50316
Phone: 515-563-2800
Financial Aid Number: 515-263-2820
Website: www.gvc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

Pre-K – Kindergarten Endorsement 103 Iowa Teaching License	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes, on a limited basis
Average enrollment	5
Full time student average enrollment	4
Graduates per year	2
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	DMACC, Kirkwood Community College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Camp Dodge
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$245.00 Full time \$425.00 Part time

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Four-Year Schools

Iowa State University

Office of Admissions, Alumni Hall

Ames, IA 50011

Phone: 515-294-4111

Financial Aid Number: 515-294-0723 800-478-2998

Website: www.iastate.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.S ECE		126
Early Childhood Endorsement 100 (Unified), Iowa Teaching License		
B.S. Child Services Option (Child Care Administration)		
M.S./M.A. ECE		
Ph.D. ECE		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	220
Full time student average enrollment	190
Graduates per year	50
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$204.00

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Four-Year Schools

Iowa Wesleyan College

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Financial Aid Number: 319-385-6242 800-582-2383
Website: www.iwc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.A. ECE		124
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K - Kindergarten		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	10
Full time student average enrollment	4
Graduates per year	2
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Southeastern Community College, Muscatine Community College
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$279.00

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Four-Year Schools

Loras College

1450 Alta Vista Street

Dubuque, IA 52004

Phone: 563-588-7100

Financial Aid Number: 563-588-7136 800-245-6727

Website: www.loras.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Transitioning to new courses		
Early Childhood Endorsement 100, Iowa Teaching License, Unified, Birth to age 8		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	18
Graduates per year	15-18
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
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Four-Year Schools

Luther College

700 College Drive

Decorah, IA 52101-1045

Phone: 800-458-8437

Financial Aid Number: 563-387-1018 800-458-8437

Website: www.luther.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.A Elementary Education with ECE endorsement		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$878.00

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Four-Year Schools

Mount Mercy College

1330 Elmhurst Drive. NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Phone: 800-248-4504

Financial Aid Number: 319-368-6467 800-248-4504 Ext. 6467

Website: www.mtmercy.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.A. Elementary Education with Early Childhood Endorsement		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	25
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Kirkwood Community College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

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Four-Year Schools

Northwestern College

101 Seventh Street, SW

Orange City, IA 51041

Phone: 712-707-7000

Financial Aid Number: 712-707-7131

Website: www.nwciowa.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement for Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K – Grade 3		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	14
Graduates per year	7
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	No
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$720.00

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Four-Year Schools

Saint Ambrose University

518 West Locust Street

Davenport, IA 52803

Phone: 563-333-6124

Financial Aid Number: 563-333-6314

Website: www.sau.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.A. ECE		124-127
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, PK – Grade 3		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	50
Full time student average enrollment	45
Graduates per year	7-12
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (Scott, Muscatine, Clinton) and Blackhawk College, Moline, Illinois
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$500.00

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Four-Year Schools

Simpson College

701 North C Street

Indianola, IA 50125

Phone: 800-362-2454

Financial Aid Number: 515-961-1630 800-362-2454 Ext. 1630

Website: www.simpson.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement for Teaching License 106 Birth through grade 3 regular ed		
Administrative/management course		2

Courses for CDA	No
Specialization	No
Credit for experience	Yes – Life Experience Committee review
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	60
Graduates per year	10-15 annually
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	No
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Course by course basis with some colleges
Satellite campuses with EC courses	No
Satellite campuses without EC courses	No
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	No
EC summer courses offered	No
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	Depends on how many credits a student completes per semester; \$205 fee for one semester of student teaching (100 hours practicum over 14 weeks). Students holding an Iowa license may complete their practicum requirements in their current child care setting.

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Four-Year Schools

University of Iowa

Jessup Hall

Iowa City, IA 52242

Phone: 319-335-3500

Financial Aid Number: 800-553-IOWA

Website: www.uiowa.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Discontinued the Early Childhood Program because of reduced state funding		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

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Four-Year Schools

University of Northern Iowa

1227 West 27th Street

Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Phone: 319-273-2311

Financial Aid Number: 319-273-2701 800-772-2736

Website: www.uni.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.S. ECE		130
M.S./M.A. ECE		30
PhD ECE (degree with completion of doctoral program)		
Early Childhood Endorsement 100, Iowa Teaching License Unified, Pre-K – Kind (Included in ECE major or based in transcript assessment)		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	Class ED 100 is required
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$204.00

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Four-Year Schools

Upper Iowa University

605 Washington Street

Fayette, IA 52142

Phone: 800-553-4150

Financial Aid Number: 800-553-4150

Website: www.uiu.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
B.A. ECE		74
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K – Kindergarten		
Pre-K – Grade 3		
Pre-K- Grade 3 with Special Ed (Unified)		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	10
Graduates per year	14
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Informal agreement with North Iowa Area Community College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Waterloo, Des Moines
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$600.00

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Four-Year Schools

Wartburg College

100 Wartburg Boulevard

Waverly, IA 50677

Phone: 800-772-2085

Financial Aid Number: 319-352-8262

Website: www.wartburg.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	<u>EC Credits</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License (Elem Ed major with EC Endorsement)		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	Yes, Endorsement 103
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	8-10
Graduates per year	15-20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$800.00

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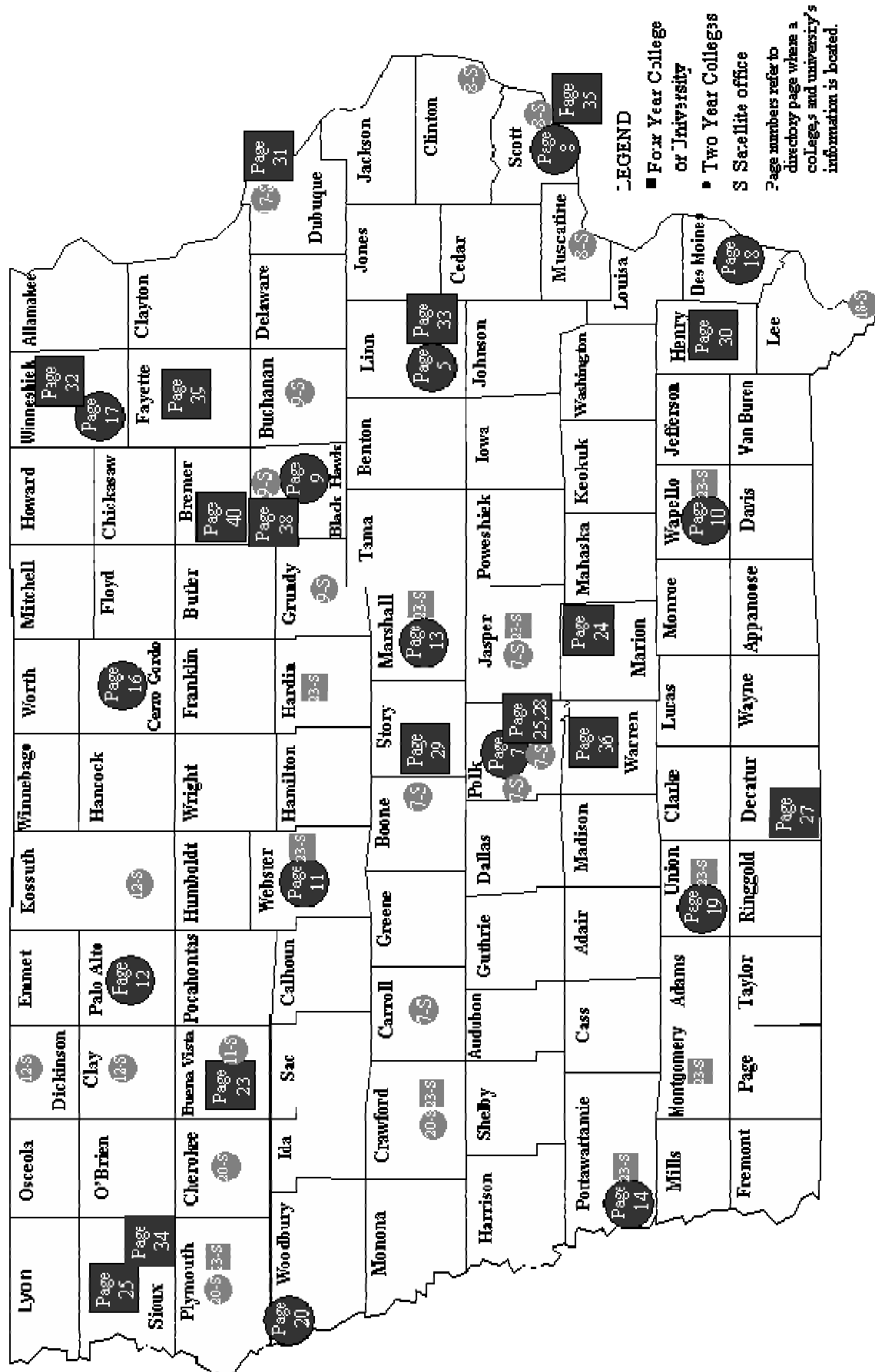
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Appendix

Two and Four Year Colleges in Iowa with Early Childhood Programs



Four-year Colleges without Early Childhood Programs

Allen College

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Waterloo, IA 50703
Phone: 319-226-2000
Website: www.allencollege.edu

Briar Cliff University

3303 Rebecca Street
Sioux City, IA 51104
Phone: 800-662-3303
Website: www.briarcliff.edu

Clarke College

1550 Clarke Drive
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-588-6300
Website: www.clarke.edu

Coe College

1220 First Avenue, NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Phone: 319-399-8500
Website: www.coe.edu

Cornell College

600 First Street
Mt. Vernon, IA 52314
Phone: 319-895-4000
Website: www.cornellcollege.edu

Emmaus Bible College

2570 Asbury Road
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-588-8000 Ext.0
Website: www.emmaus.edu

The Franciscan University

400 North Bluff Boulevard
Clinton, IA 52732
Phone: 563-242-4023
Website: www.tfu.edu

Grinnell College

1210 Park Avenue
Grinnell, IA. 50112
Phone: 641-269-4000
Website: www.grinnell.edu

Hamilton College

4655 121st Street
Des Moines, IA 50323
Phone: 800-325-6887
Website: www.hamilton.ia.edu

Morningside College

1501 Morningside Avenue
Sioux City, IA 51106
Phone: 712-274-5000
Financial Aid Number:
Website: www.morningside.edu

University of Dubuque

2000 University Avenue
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-589-3000
Website: www.dbq.edu

Vatterott College

6100 Thornton Avenue, Suite 290
Des Moines, IA 50321
Phone: 515-309-9000
Website: www.vatterott-college.com

Vennard College

2300 8th Avenue
University Park, IA 52595
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Waldorf College

106 S. 6th Street
Forest City, IA 50436
Phone: 800-292-1903
Website: www.waldorf.edu

William Penn University

201 Trueblood Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
Phone: 800-779-7366
Website: www.wmpenn.edu

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Information Regarding the Iowa Teacher Licensure Standards
For Early Childhood Education

There are several types of teacher licensure endorsements recognized in Iowa as acceptable for teaching young children ages birth through 8.

They are the following:

- 1) *endorsement 103 - teacher – prekindergarten – kindergarten*
- 2) *endorsement 106 – teacher – prekindergarten through grade 3*
- 3) *endorsement 223 – early childhood special education*
- 4) *endorsement 100 - teacher - prekindergarten through grade 3 including special education (This is also referred to as the “Unified Teacher Licensure”. Unified means early childhood and early childhood special education combined.)*
- 5) *endorsement 102 - teacher - elementary classroom - kindergarten through sixth grade*

To obtain an Iowa teacher’s license, you must attend a recognized Iowa teacher preparing institution that offers the appropriate program for the early childhood education licensure and meet that institution’s current requirements for the endorsement. You must also receive that institution’s baccalaureate degree and recommendation for a teacher’s license. (Or if you attend an out of state institution, you must contact the Iowa State Board of Educational Examiners to obtain the procedure required for obtaining the Iowa teacher’s license.) You may apply for as many additional endorsements as you would like with that first license, provided current requirements for those additional endorsements have been met. Once the original license has been issued, you may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application to the State Dept. of Ed., provided current requirements for that additional endorsement have been met.

Institutions (colleges & universities) must be approved through the IA Dept. of Education to offer the various endorsements & so one institution may not offer the curricula necessary for each of these listed above. Therefore.....as a student and a consumer of education.....know which type of endorsement(s) you want & take that into consideration when you are selecting a college to attend next.

For further information regarding licensure contact:

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Des Moines, IA 50319

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Funded with public/private partnerships, in part through the Iowa Department of Human Services with federal funding through the Child Care and Development Block Grant Quality Improvement fund, United Way of Central Iowa, and through Iowa Community Empowerment.

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What is T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ® IOWA?

T.E.A.C.H. invests in those currently providing early care and education who wish to earn a college degree, following the nationally respected model developed in the early 1990s in North Carolina. Currently, available funds in Iowa are supporting only associate degrees in early childhood education and Child Development Associate credentials.

Who is eligible?

Any child care provider in Iowa who works in a regulated program (registered child development home or center/preschool licensed by the Department of Human Services) at least thirty hours each week. Empowerment funded TEACH contracts may have broader or narrower definitions of eligibility.

Where can I go to college?

Any community college in Iowa. Only courses required in the early childhood degree programs will be approved to be supported by the program. This can include the general education requirements such as English, math, etc. CDA classes are only directly supported if for college credit. Expansion to four-year colleges will occur as soon as funds are available.

What will T.E.A.C.H. pay for?

T.E.A.C.H. is a public-private partnership, investing in our child care workforce, supporting tuition up to 15 credits per year, books, release time (to allow for substitute caregivers to care for the children while you are in school or studying), travel costs, and an annual bonus or raise. The individual attending school (or his/her Pell grant) and/or the employing program supports 20 – 50% of this investment, depending on the model chosen.

Where do these funds come from?

In part with federal funding through the Child Care and Development Block Grant Quality Improvement fund, administered through the Iowa Department of Human Services, and through Iowa Community Empowerment. Iowa is one of twenty-five states with a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® program.

How do I find out more information, or apply?

Visit our website, <http://www.iowachildnetwork.org>. Or call (515) 883-1206 extension 129 to request an application. Write to us at the Iowa Child Care and Early Education Network, 218 Sixth Avenue Suite 710, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-4093.



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Financial Aid

Many child care providers and early childhood education students in Iowa may not currently qualify for tuition support or scholarships through Head Start (if employed by Head Start), through their employer or through another locally funded project, or from T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ® IOWA. These providers and college students will want to determine their own eligibility for federally funded financial aid.

All colleges begin the process of determining eligibility for financial aid in the same way. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be done on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A paper copy of this form may be obtained through any college or university's financial aid office, and in many public libraries in Iowa.

Students should know that this financial aid is determined by their own family's financial need, and may vary year to year based on funding available at the federal level and to each individual college. Typically, a grant does not need to be re-paid, while loans do require a signed commitment to re-pay, often but not always delaying this repayment until the student has completed college.

Students should apply as soon as possible after January 1 each year for the following school year. Usually it is advisable to wait until the family's tax return has been completed for the previous year, as this information is required on the form. The earlier all paperwork is completed, the more likely that financial aid will be available, if eligible. Students eligible for a Pell grant or other forms of federal financial aid may also be eligible for T.E.A.C.H. or other support, contact the Program Manager for more information.

Students in early childhood education will also want to learn about Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, as well as other tax credits and forgivable loans that may be available to those seeking employment in certain designated fields following graduation. Consult your college financial aid office for more information.